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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Messrs. Conway and Murphy, Joint Committee
on Atomic Energy Staff

1. On this date I visited the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy Staff to discuss three matters: requests from Mr. Murphy for information about [redacted] and to respond orally to Chairman Hollifield's letter seeking information on the [redacted] case.

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3. On the matter of Chairman Hollifield's letter to the Director on the [redacted] case, I told Mr. Murphy that the Director preferred that we handle this with the Committee on an oral basis if possible. I told him

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4. Mr. Murphy attempted to speculate on the reasons why Mr. Helms preferred not to respond to the Chairman's letter in writing. I told him that I was not familiar with the Director's reasons, but felt

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that in many instances information of this type could best be handled in personal discussions. Mr. Murphy tended to monopolize the conversation in what appeared to be an attempt to make it difficult, if not impossible, to provide him with an oral briefing. I made a point of bringing the conversation back to the subject however, and was able eventually to get the information across.

5. Mr. Murphy made quite a point of insisting on a written response to Mr. Hollifield's letter. He made several references to the fact that a return response, although not necessarily detailed in substance, was necessary "for the record". Mr. Conway joined us at this juncture and Mr. Murphy attempted to obtain his support for a written response. Conway was obviously quite busy and preoccupied. He said however, that the most important thing was to get the information. Murphy acknowledged that this had been given to him. Mr. Conway said that the next step should be to discuss this with Chairman Hollifield to determine his desires. Mr. Conway then departed. Mr. Murphy repeated his statement that a letter from the Agency was necessary and attempted to obtain a commitment from me that a letter would be forthcoming. I made no commitment and suggested that Mr. Murphy discuss this further with Mr. Conway and perhaps with the Chairman, as Conway had suggested.



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